

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended. The amendments introduce no new matter. A Request for Continued Examination is attached. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 1, rejects claims 1-3, 7, 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,867,140 to Rader. The Office Action, in paragraph 2, rejects claims 4-6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rader as applied to claims 3 and 7, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,236,380 B1 to Wani et al. (hereinafter "Wani"). The Office Action, in paragraph 3, rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wani and Rader as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,805,121 to Burgan et al. (hereinafter "Burgan"). The Office Action, in paragraph 4, rejects claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rader as applied to claims 1 and 10 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,824,212 to Taniguchi. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Rader teaches a display system that includes a display panel having a full screen area upon which images can be generated for viewing and an image control circuit that controls the operation of the display panel such that only a partial display field, or area, is controlled to generate images in a first operating mode to conserve power (Abstract). Throughout the prosecution history of this application Rader has been applied in combination with other references in an effort to render obvious the subject matter of the pending claims. In each case, Applicant asserted, as Applicant does now, that Rader cannot reasonably be considered, even in combination with other applied prior art references, to render unpatentable the subject matter of the pending claims.

Claim 1 recites, among other features, a partial display mode including: a first supply step of supplying the scanning signal to certain scanning lines of the plurality of scanning lines and not to other scanning lines of the plurality of scanning lines, the certain scanning lines corresponding to display elements including in a certain part of the region for displaying the gray level, the other scanning lines corresponding to display elements included in another part of the region other than the certain part of the region, the first step including supplying a data signal that specifies the gray level to the plurality of data lines corresponding to the display elements included in the certain part of the region.

Rader, in its partial image display mode, includes only supplying of a scanning signal to both the scanning lines of the partial display and of the display outside of the partial display field (see, *e.g.*, col. 5, lines 19-51). There is nothing in the disclosure of Rader that can reasonably be considered to teach, or even to have suggested that scanning lines of the display outside of the partial display field disclosed in Rader are not provided with a scanning signal.

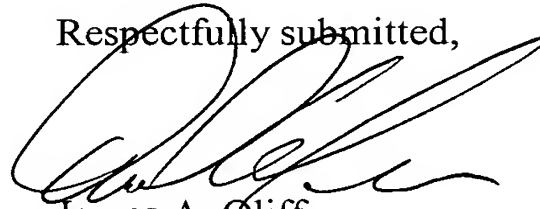
For at least this reason, Rader cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested the combination of all of the features recited in independent claims 1 and 10. Further, claims 2, 3, 7 and 13 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Rader for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly or indirectly on independent claim 1, as well as for the subject matter that each of these claims recites. None of the other applied prior art references to Wani, Burgan or Taniguchi are relied upon for reciting the above specified first supplying step as recited in the pending claims. As such, claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Rader in combination with any of the above enumerated prior art references for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly or indirectly on independent claims 1 and 10, as well as for the separate patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the varyingly-enumerated combinations of the applied references are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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